

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A plug (10) for sealing holes in a vehicle body, comprising a central closure section (12) and an engaging section (14) arranged on the rim and provided for receiving portions of the vehicle body, the closure section (12) being formed so as to have a hollow cylindrical shape with a closed axial end (16) and an open axial end (18), the engaging section (14) being positioned entirely between the closed end (16) and the open end (18), the closure section (12) and the engaging section (14) being made of a plastics material and the plastics material of the engaging section (14) being softer than the plastics material of the closure section (12), and the plastics material of the engaging section (14) being adapted to be softened by heating such that a tight connection is produced between the engaging section (14) and the portions of the vehicle body that are received by it, the engaging section having a surrounding sealing lip (30), which forms a latching connection with an edge of the hole in the vehicle body, and a further sealing lip (34), which engages the opposite side of the edge of the hole in the vehicle body, characterized in that the engaging section (14) is inserted in a deepening (20) on the rim side of the closure section (12).

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the closure section (12) and the engaging section (14) are connected with each other by an interlocking fit.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the closure section (12) and the engaging section (14) are bonded to each other by gluing.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the softening of the engaging section (14) is performed at a temperature of between 150 and 200 °C.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the closure section (12) presses the engaging section (14) against the vehicle body portions in a resilient and elastic fashion.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the closure section (12) is formed so as to have a hollow cylindrical shape with a closed end (16) and an open end (18), the open end (18) being bent outwards toward the closed end (16), forming the deepening (20) on the rim side.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The plug according to claim 6, wherein the hollow cylindrical closure section (12) has a surrounding recess (24) on its outer

surface, the engaging section (14) engaging in the recess (24) to form an interlocking fit.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A plug (10) for sealing holes in a vehicle body, comprising a central closure section (12) and an engaging section (14) arranged on the rim and provided for receiving portions of the vehicle body, the closure section (12) and the engaging section (14) being made of a plastics material and the plastics material of the engaging section (14) being softer than the plastics material of the closure section (12), and the plastics material of the engaging section (14) being adapted to be softened by heating such that a tight connection is produced between the engaging section (14) and the portions of the vehicle body that are received by it, the engaging section having a surrounding sealing lip (30), which forms a latching connection with an edge of the hole in the vehicle body, and a further sealing lip (34), which engages the opposite side of the edge of the hole in the vehicle body, characterized in that the engaging section (14) is inserted in a deepening (20) on the rim side of the closure section (12), the closure section (12) being formed so as to have a hollow cylindrical shape with a closed axial end (16) and an open axial end (18), the open end (18) being bent outwards toward the closed end (16), forming the deepening (20) on the rim side, the engaging section (14) being positioned entirely between the closed end (16) and the open end (18) of the closure section (12), wherein the engaging section (14) has two side surfaces (28, 32) located opposite each other, the first side surface (28) lying against the

outer surface of the hollow cylindrical closure section (12) and the second, opposite side surface (32) reaching beyond the rim of the closure section (12).

Claims 9-10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The plug according to claim 1, wherein the deepening (20) has a U-shaped cross-section, the engaging section (14) engaging only the deepening (20) of the closure section (12).

Claim 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) The plug according to claim 1, wherein the closure section (12) has a closed end (16) and an open end (18), the open end (18) being free of the engaging section (14) when the engaging section (14) is inserted into the deepening (20).